

Appl. No. 08/734,443
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Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following amendment and remarks. The Examiner indicated in a Notice of Allowance that claims 18, 19, 21-29, and 31-35 are allowable. The amendment clarifies the claimed invention by correcting an inadvertent error in claim 22. The amendment to claim 22 is supported throughout the specification, including at page 55, lines 16-28. Applicants submit the claim amendment raises no issues not previously considered by the Examiner and requires no additional search or examination.

Claim 22 contains an inadvertent error. The claim describes the "variant VEGF response" in claim 21. However, claim 21 is drawn to a variant VEGF polypeptide capable of inhibiting induction of a "VEGF response," not induction of a "variant VEGF response." The lack of antecedent basis in claim 21 for the term "variant VEGF response" is further evidence that claim 22 should read "said VEGF response" and not "said variant VEGF response." Therefore, the amendment merely clarifies the claimed invention by correcting an inadvertent error in claim 22.


Conclusion

In view of the comments presented herein, entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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